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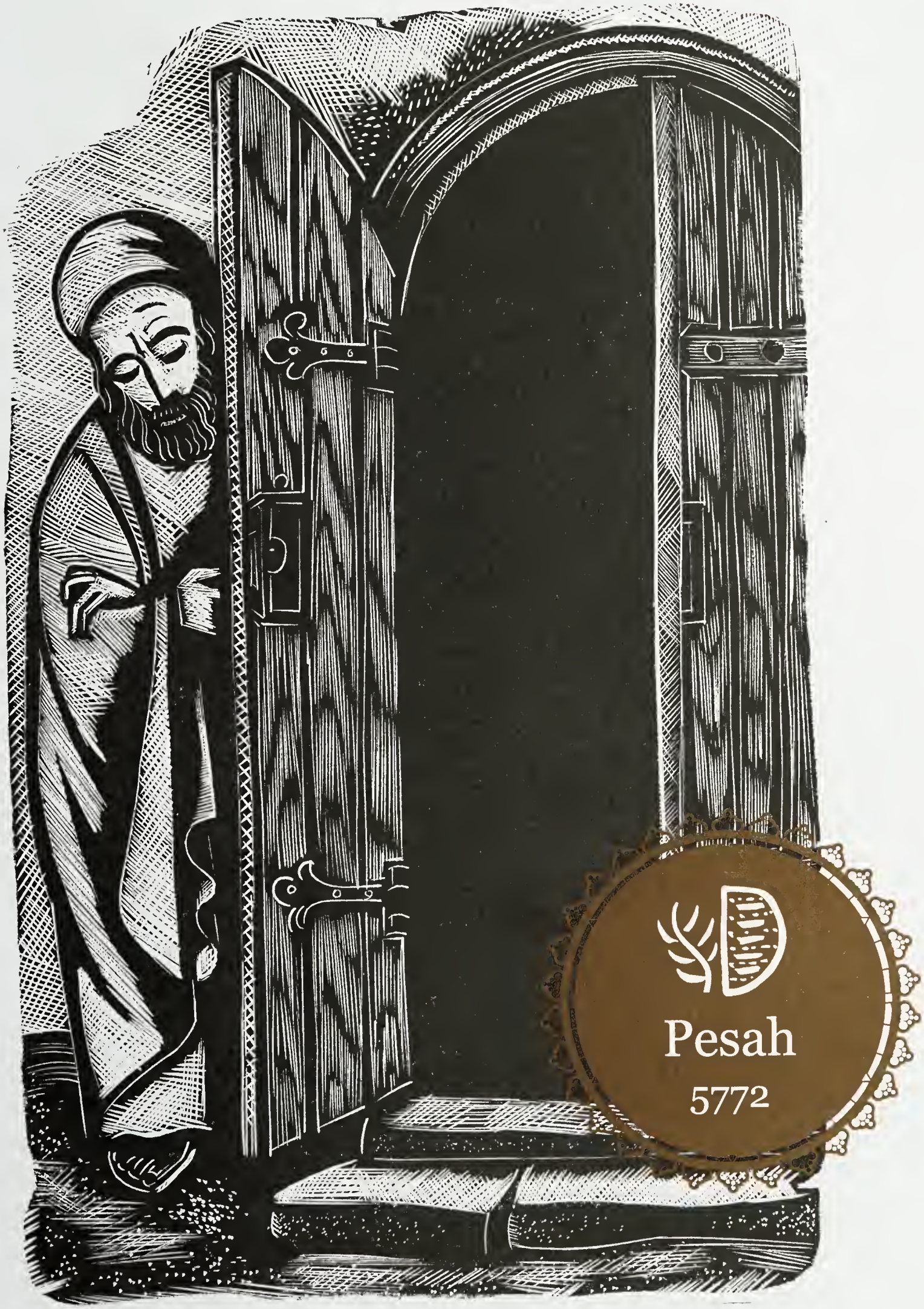

From Rabbi Elliot J. Cosgrove

Founding Narratives

OUR FOUNDING NARRATIVES TELL US not only about our past, but also about our present self-perception. Think about the stories you tell about how you chose your profession, how you fell in love with your spouse or how you became who you are today. We emphasize or downplay parts of the stories based on the context we are in, or the point we are trying to make. Hopefully, our stories are always based in the truth of what actually "happened," but we all know that in describing the past we are also very much describing our present. Nations are no different. The choices Americans, Israelis or members of any tribe or faith make in telling their histories signal the core tenets of that particular people.

As we are about to celebrate Passover, it is worth pausing to consider the "choice" we Jews have made in designating the Exodus as our founding narrative. Not Abraham, not the giving of the Torah, not the entrance into the Promised Land, rather it is the Exodus from Egypt that we ritually tell over and over again – a tale of an oppressed people from humble origins who are freed from Egyptian bondage in order to serve God. From the scene of the four sons, to the very fact that the word *Haggadah* derives from the Hebrew root "to tell," this is a story that must be told, interpreted, understood and absorbed by people in dialogue with one another. The lessons we extract from our history – identifying with the stranger and oppressed, the gift of serving God – are all contained in it.

Most importantly, the Passover Seder – ever ancient and ever new – continues to shape the contours of Jewish identity. In many ways, our sitting down with family and friends serves as a yearly checkup on our Jewish identity, personally, locally and globally. In addition to the four questions, we should also ask what are the present challenges and opportunities facing our people. Could our ancestors of old have imagined our present moment? What answers must we generate given our new circumstances? By focusing on our sacred history, we not only bring our past and present into focus, but also our anticipated future.

In regard to the message of Passover, the Haggadah states, "This wonderful old promise how constant is its power! It sweetens all our sorrows and brightens each dark hour." Our founding story has provided a constancy and comfort for Jews throughout the ages. It is the anchor to our past, the rudder to our present and the horizon ahead of us. On behalf of the entire Park Avenue Synagogue staff, I wish you a sweet, joyous and kosher Passover!

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Please recycle this Bulletin

From Rabbi Steven I. Rein

The Spring Dilemma is No Dilemma at All

MUCH INK IS SPILLED DISCUSSING THE ANNUAL DECEMBER DILEMMA – the yoking of Christmas and Hanukkah. This year we witness a much more interesting confluence of events – the overlapping of Easter and Passover, festivals of equal gravity deeply tied to the foundations of each religion.

First, both Easter and Passover are forever linked as spring holidays. For the church, which believed that the resurrection took place on a Sunday, the first council of Nicaea in 325 determined that Easter would always fall on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the vernal equinox. By the same token, the rabbis understood the verse "You go free on this day, in the month of Aviv" (Exodus 13:4) to require Passover to be celebrated in early spring. The word *aviv* actually means "fresh ears of barley," indicating that the barley must have ripened or else an extra month would need to be added (hence, a leap year). Given that Passover begins on the 15th of Nissan (and the middle of a lunar month is always a full moon), Easter and Passover were destined to coincide.

Second, in both festivals nature and history converge to offer a resounding message of hope. The renewal of spring amplifies the redemptive events that Easter and Passover both commemorate and anticipate. Nevertheless, history takes a front seat. Passover is all about the family of Jacob going down to Egypt, fusing together as a single nation with a common experience, and celebrating their redemption by God. Easter, according to the new Catechism of the Catholic Church, is the Christian Passover. Jesus, during what may have been a proto-seder, is fated to become the paschal lamb. Through his death he has the capacity to save many. For Christians, the resurrection on Easter is the ultimate redemption.

Finally, the liturgy of both Judaism and Christianity focuses on these seminal events. Twice a day, we recite in the third paragraph of the *Sh'ma* that we will remember and observe all the *mitzvot* because God brought us out of the land of Egypt. Similarly, the sacrament of communion in the Christian tradition reenacts the last supper, turning history into a lived reality.

For all their commonalities, however, there is a fundamental difference between Passover and Easter. Whereas they both focus on deliverance from a state of despair, Easter focuses on the redemption of the individual Christian, while Passover heralds the birth and redemption of a nation. From this divergence we have learned something very important. Judaism is a religion with two New Years. In the context of the Torah, Passover occurs in the first month of the year (Nisan), fusing together the beginning of a new year and the birth of a new nation. It was only much later, perhaps influenced by Easter's emphasis on the individual, that Rosh Hashanah (occurring in Tishrei, the biblical seventh month) became a festival that addresses the fate of the individual. The retention of two new years in the Jewish calendar represents the effort to keep these polarities in balance.

Far beyond the common theme of gift-giving in December, the spring holidays represent the foundational narrative for both Judaism and Christianity. This is but one example of the many intersections between two religions that have so much in common. This and other topics – including abortion, the role of religion in shaping public policy, and the afterlife – have been the focus of the interfaith dialogue series we have had with Fr. Ugo Nacciarone and parishioners from St. Ignatius Loyola. (See p. 9.) If you are interested in learning more about different faith groups, engaging in meaningful conversations with members of another faith, and learning how the beliefs of others reinforce our own traditions, please contact me directly as I plan a series of interfaith dialogues for next year.

Hag Pesah Kasher v'Sameah!

PAS Email Sign Up

Choose your news! You can decide what email notifications to receive from PAS. Go to pasyn.org and click on Email Sign Up under Our Events. Click on the link and then fill out the form to indicate which messages you want sent to you. If you change your mind, return to the website and submit the form again.

ניסן-אייר · *Schedule of Religious Services*

THURSDAY, APRIL 5 · 13 Nisan
7:00 am | Shaharit and Siyyum for Ta'anit Bekhorot

FRIDAY, APRIL 6 · 14 Nisan
7:00 pm | Minha and Ma'ariv – Shabbat & 1st Night of Pesah
7:30 pm | Community Seder (Registration required.)

SATURDAY, APRIL 7 · 15 Nisan
9:15 am | Shabbat & festival service – 1st Day of Pesah
Food Pantry Shabbat
20 mins after morning services | Minha
7:00 pm | Ma'ariv – 2nd Night of Pesah
7:30 pm | Community Seder (Registration required.)

SUNDAY, APRIL 8 · 16 Nisan
9:15 am | Festival Service – 2nd Day of Pesah
20 mins after morning services | Minha
No service at 5:45 pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 13 · 21 Nisan
9:15 am | Festival service – 7th Day of Pesah
11:15 am | Young Family Pesah service (see p. 12)
20 mins after morning services | Minha
6:15 pm | Ma'ariv – Shabbat & 8th Night of Pesah

SATURDAY, APRIL 14 · 22 Nisan
9:15 am | Shabbat & festival service, including Yizkor – 8th Day of Pesah
20 mins after morning services | Minha

FRIDAY, APRIL 20 · 28 Nisan
5:00 pm | YFE Shabbat service & Birthday blessings (see p. 12)
6:15 pm | **Friday Evening service**

SATURDAY, APRIL 21 · 29 Nisan · *Parashat Sh'mini*
9:15 am | Sanctuary service/Seminary Shabbat: Speaker: JTS Chancellor Arnold Eisen
Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Emily Zemser, daughter of Amy & Scott Zemser
11:15 am | YFE services (see p. 12)
20 mins after morning services | Minha

FRIDAY, APRIL 27 · 5 Iyyar
6:15 pm | Musical Kabbalat Shabbat | *Generously supported by the Jennifer & John Monsky Musical Traditions Fund*

SATURDAY, APRIL 28 · 6 Iyyar · *Parashat Tazria/M'tzora*
9:15 am | Sanctuary service
Bat Mitzvah of Marissa Parks, daughter of Ida & David Parks
9:30 am | Havurah
20 mins after morning services | Minha

PAS Community Seders

First Night
Friday, April 6 | 7:30 pm | immediately following services
Led by Rabbi Steven Rein and Cantor Shiree Kidron

Second Night
Saturday, April 7 | 7:30 pm | immediately following services
Led by Rabbi Neil Zuckerman and Cantor Azi Schwartz

Space is limited. Reservations are required by March 30. *$75/members, $125/non-members, $50/children under 8. Non-member reservations are not complete until payment is received. RSVP at www.pasyn.org via the Calendar page (go to the date of the seder you wish to attend and click on the event), or contact Craig Demarest at 212-369-2600, x111 or cdemarest@pasyn.org.*

Daily minyanim *Monday-Friday at 7:15 am; Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9:00 am.* ***Minha/Ma'ariv*** *Sunday-Thursday at 5:45 pm.* ***Minha*** *Friday at 6:00 pm. Any changes are noted when they occur.*

Rabbi Elliot J. Cosgrove and Rabbi Steven I. Rein will preach and conduct services together with Cantor Azi Schwartz, Cantor Shiree Kidron, and the Synagogue Choir, with Neil Robinson at the organ.

Commemorating the Holocaust

The weeks after Passover bring holidays that have been established within the last century to commemorate contemporary events in the history of our People. Park Avenue Synagogue will observe these special days in a variety of ways, providing all members of the community with opportunities to remember, to mourn, to rejoice and to give thanks.

Yom HaShoah Ve-HaGevurah, Day of Remembrance of the Holocaust and the Heroism

THURSDAY, APRIL 19 · 27 Nisan

7:15 am | Morning services will include *El maleh rahamim* in memory of the Six Million

12:00 pm | Library Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Neil Zuckerman will take note of the day.

Yom HaShoah Commemoration

SUNDAY, APRIL 22 · 30 Nisan

6:00 pm | In their darkest moments, victims of Nazi persecution expressed their fears, their hopes, their memories and their dreams through poetry and through song. Our memorial service this year will once again intertwine these lyrics and melodies with memories of Holocaust survivors in our own community, narrated by their children and grandchildren. Cantor Azi Schwartz, Cantor Shiree Kidron, the Congregational Singers and Tavim Youth Choir will participate in the service.

THE PALESTINE POST

STATE OF ISRAEL IS BORN

Most Crowded Hours in Palestine's History

JEWS TAKE OVER SECURITY ZONES

Egyptian Air Force Spitfires Bomb Tel Aviv; One Shot Down

U.S. RECOGNIZES JEWISH STATE

Proclamation by Head Of Government

2 Columns Cross Southern Border

Etzion Settlers Taken P.O.W.

Special Assembly Adjourns

Celebrating the Creation of the State of Israel

The State of Israel was actually declared on 5 Iyyar 5708, corresponding to May 14, 1948; however, when 5 Iyyar falls on a Friday, so that preparations for Shabbat would curtail the full celebration of Yom HaAtzma'ut, the celebration is moved one day forward to the preceding Thursday.

Yom HaZikaron, Israeli Memorial Day

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25 · 3 Iyyar

7:15 am | Morning services will include *El maleh rahamim* in memory of all who have fallen in defense of the State of Israel.

Yom HaAtzma'ut, Israeli Independence Day

THURSDAY, APRIL 26 · 4 Iyyar

7:15 am | Morning services will include recitation of Hallel and the Torah reading and haftarah for Yom HaAtzma'ut.

12:00 pm | Library Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Neil Zuckerman will celebrate Yom HaAtzma'ut.

Yom HaAtzma'ut Israel Fair

TUESDAY, APRIL 24
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25
THURSDAY, APRIL 26

4:00 – 6:00 pm | During Congregational School our High School students – who have been learning about Israel throughout the school year – will host a celebration of Israel's 64th birthday for learners in the Congregational School.

Shabbat Dinner Series presents

Peter Beinart: "The Crisis of Zionism"

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

7:30 pm, *following Musical Kabbalat Shabbat* (See p. 10.)

בנות מצוה Bnot Mitzvah

RACHEL EMILY ZEMSER
Parashat Sh'mini | April 21

Rachel began her formal education at the PAS Early Childhood Center in the Purple Room and has continued her Jewish education at the Congregational School. Now in 7th grade at Riverdale Country School, Rachel enjoys the arts and a wide variety of sports, playing on her school soccer, basketball and softball teams. She spends summers at Camp Green Lane, where she has developed fabulous and long-lasting friendships. She also loves to ski and bike and to travel and experience other cultures with her family.

Rachel has an intoxicating laugh and a wonderful sense of humor. She is a great listener, passionate about animals, a team player, generous, loyal and truly compassionate. Tzedakah is important to her. She has contributed to her community in a variety of ways, including raising money to help fight a variety of cancers. Rachel has a deep sense of family and friends and has a special bond with her siblings, Joshua and Samantha.

Rachel and her family extend their heartfelt thanks to the rabbis, cantors, and her tutor, Elisa Abrams for their guidance and constant encouragement during her preparation to become a Bat Mitzvah.

MARISSA SLOANE PARKS
Parashat Tazria/M'tzora | April 28

Marissa began her Jewish education at PAS in Gan and has enjoyed learning about her Jewish identity. Marissa is in now in 7th grade at The Horace Mann School, where she loves math and science.

Marissa plays tennis and softball and was on the Horace Mann 7th grade girls' volleyball team. She also loves to play board and card games and Mah Jongg, to watch TV and movies and to text with her friends. Marissa is kind, very talkative, happy, sweet and sassy. She loves animals and enjoys visiting with the neighbor's dogs. She especially loves to hang out with her extended family in Florida, California and Long Island. Favorite times are celebrating Hanukkah and enjoying Passover seders with the family.

She would like to thank all of her teachers, Rabbi Cosgrove and Rabbi Rein, Cantor Schwartz, and her tutor, Elisa Abrams, for helping her to prepare for her Bat Mitzvah and for helping to shape who she is today.

מזל טוב MAZAL TOV

➡ **LAUREL & JUSTIN DEUTSCH** on the birth of a son, Liam David, and to big sister Jemma ➡ **ALLISON & SCOTT GROUP** on the birth of a son, Evan Manning Group ➡ **MARGA HIRSCH** on the birth of a grandson, Otto Zalman Ogman, and to his parents, Rabbi Emma Kippley-Ogman & Benj Kamm ➡ **JOAN AND MARTIN LEVENSON** on the birth of a grandson, Noah Harris Levenson, and to his parents, Roger & Heather Levenson, and to big brother Ryan ➡ **SIVIA LORIA AND JEFFREY LORIA** on the birth of a grandson, Ryan Loria Mizrahi, and to the parents, Samantha Loria Mizrahi & Jeffrey Mizrahi ➡ **DORIS & HENRY MURAD** on the birth of a great-grandson, Andrew Gavin Mendelson, and to his parents, Jennifer & Robert Mendelson, and to his grandparents, Vivian & Brian Lemelman

ברוכים הבאים WELCOME

Paul & Barbara Kastell | Carole Weinberg

המקום ינחם CONDOLENCES

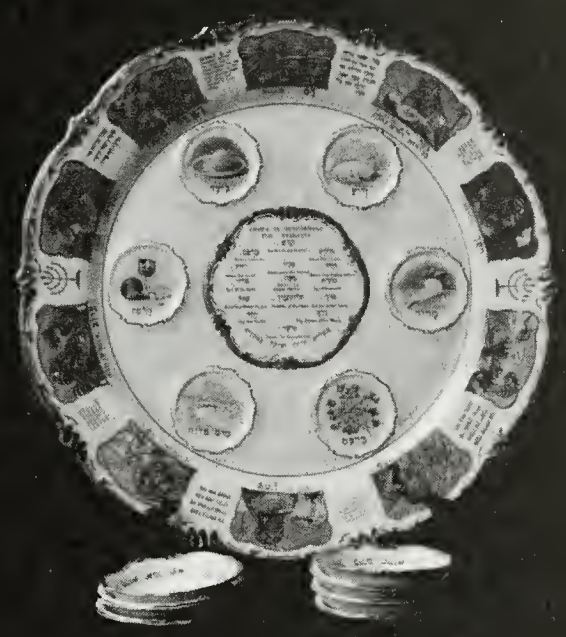
Eleanore Goldberg, Randi Goldberg Wasserman and Robert Goldberg on the loss of their husband and father, Joseph Goldberg / Dorothy Lang on the loss of her brother, Murray Kleiman / Michael & Paola Schulhof on the loss of his mother, Hannelore B. Schulhof / Stephen & Saskia Siderow on the loss of his mother, Sheila Siderow

DO YOU HAVE EXTRA CHAIRS AT YOUR SEDER TABLE? DO YOU NEED A PLACE TO RECLINE FOR ONE OF THE SEDERS? *We will help hosts and guests find each other, so that no one in the PAS community has to spend the first nights of Pesah alone. If you have room at your table for either seder, or if you need a place for either seder, please contact Rabbi Rein at srein@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600, x124.*

ADULT EDUCATION & EVENTS / APRIL 2012

For additional descriptions of the classes and events listed here, as well as registration information, if any, please look at the Winter-Spring Program Calendar or on www.pasyn.org under Adult Education.

Weekly



MONDAY

(No class on April 9)

Hebrew 102
6:15 – 7:15 pm
Dina Mann

Hebrew 103
6:15 – 7:15 pm
Vivian Nissan

Hebrew 104
7:30 – 8:30 pm
Varda Hubara

Adult Bat Mitzvah
7:30 – 8:45 pm | Marga Hirsch

TUESDAY

Essential Essays
8:00 am, after morning minyan
Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove

Contemporary Jewish Thought
11:30 am | Rabbi Steven Rein

Hebrew 101
(No class on April 10)
6:15 – 7:05 pm | Dina Mann

Introduction to Judaism
(No class on April 10)
6:15 – 8:15 pm
Rabbi Steven Rein

Engaging Israel: Foundations for a New Relationship
A Shalom Hartman Institute Lecture and Study Series
(Last class on April 3)
7:00 – 8:30 pm
Rabbi Neil Zuckerman

WEDNESDAY

(No classes on April 4, 11)

Context
6:45 – 9:30 pm

Florence Melton Adult Mini-School
6:45 – 9:00 pm

The Melton Graduate Program
Jewish Denominations: Addressing the Challenges of Modernity
8:00 – 9:15 pm
Rabbi Zalman Rothschild

THURSDAY

Florence Melton Adult Mini-School
9:15 – 11:30 am
(No classes on April 5, 12)

The Melton Graduate Program
Shemot 1: From Slavery to Sinai
(No classes on April 5, 12)
10:30 – 11:45 am
Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove

Library Lunch & Learn
12:00 – 1:00 pm | Senior Staff

Congregational Singers
(Meets only on April 19)
7:00 pm | Cantor Azi Schwartz

FRIDAY

Talmud Torah: Capital Punishment in the Talmud
8:00 am, after morning minyan
Rabbi Steven Rein

SATURDAY

Parashat HaShavua
8:45 am

To register for Adult Education classes, *unless otherwise noted in the description, go to http://pasyn.org/lifelong-learning/adult-education, click on "Classes" on the left side of the page and then on the appropriate registration link. Those without Internet access may call 212-369-2600, x121.*

China Seder plate, The Park Avenue Synagogue Collection

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Pesah Events

PARK AVENUE SYNAGOGUE

Women's Seder 5772

Co-sponsored by Men's Club and the Rabbi Judah Nadich HS

Passover and Project Ezra

Sunday | April 1 | 10:00 am

NEW! **Women's Seder** | Monday | April 2 | 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Sponsored by Tikkun Olam

Pre-Pesah Hametz Food Drive

Continues through Tuesday, April 3

Coping with the Empty Chair at the Seder: A Workshop for Bereaved Jews

Tuesday, April 3 | 12:30 – 2:00 pm

Facilitated by Aliza Scharf-Bendov, LCSW

After a close relative dies, the Seder may loom as a painful reminder of the loss. Explore ways to allow for grief, yet find meaning and comfort in the themes of Passover and renewal.

Please RSVP to *Craig Demarest at cdemarest@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600, x111.*

Sponsored by the Rothschild Library

Haggadah Fair

Continues through Wednesday, April 4

PAS Community Seders

First Night | Friday, April 6 | 7:30 pm | following services

Second Night | Saturday, April 7 | 7:30 pm | following services

(See page 4.)

Sponsored by the Florence Melton Adult Mini-School at PAS
Open to everyone – current, past, and potential Melton students

Women and the Exodus | Rabbi Neil Zuckerman

Wednesday | April 11 | 6:45 – 7:45 pm

Thursday | April 12 | 10:30 – 11:30 am

The human hero of the Exodus story is Moses. But without the heroism of six remarkable women there would have been no Moses. Who were they? Come for a pesachdik "taste of Melton" and find out!

REMEMBER TO APPOINT RABBI REIN AS YOUR AGENT TO SELL YOUR HAMETZ

The form for selling hametz is available online. Go to pasyn.org; click on Holiday Services, then on Authorization to Sell Hametz. You can either print out the form or complete it online. For an explanation of Mekhirat Hametz, the selling of hametz, see the Pesah Guide 5772/2012, enclosed with the March Bulletin or on the website Holiday Services page.

Monthly/Bimonthly

"Bezalel: Art, Craft and National Identity"

Beverly Sills

Sponsored by Sisterhood

Sholem Aleichem Yiddish Club

Tuesday | April 17 | 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Sponsored by Sisterhood

Architectural Tour, Part 3: Temple Emanu-El

"Bezalel: Art, Craft and National Identity" at the Herbert and Eileen Bernard Museum of Judaica

Thursday | April 19 | 1:30 pm

Tour Temple Emanu-El's landmark building on Fifth Avenue at 65th Street. See an exhibition of arts and crafts from the Bezalel School, which was instrumental in creating a new Jewish and Zionist aesthetic in early 20th century Jerusalem. Meet the Sisterhood group in the lobby of the synagogue at 1:15 pm. All are welcome. No charge.

RSVP to *Helene Agress at 212-362-1233.*

Monthly Interfaith Dialogue

With Father Ugo Nacciarone from St. Ignatius Loyola and Rabbi Steven Rein

Thursday | April 19 | 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Sponsored by JTS@PAS

Seminary Shabbat with Chancellor Arnold Eisen

Saturday | April 21 | 9:15 am

The Chancellor will speak during the Sanctuary service.

Sponsored by Sisterhood

Beverly Sills: A Tribute

Monday | April 23 | 7:00 pm

Speaker: Fredric LeVine

Composer and musical commentator Fredric LeVine will discuss the extraordinary career of Beverly Sills., beloved singer and influential director of the NYC Opera Company.

Sponsored by the Edmond de Rothschild Library

Evening Book Discussion Group

Monday | April 23 | 8:00 pm

Pat Davidson

Book: *Seize the Day* by Saul Bellow

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Shabbat Dinner Series

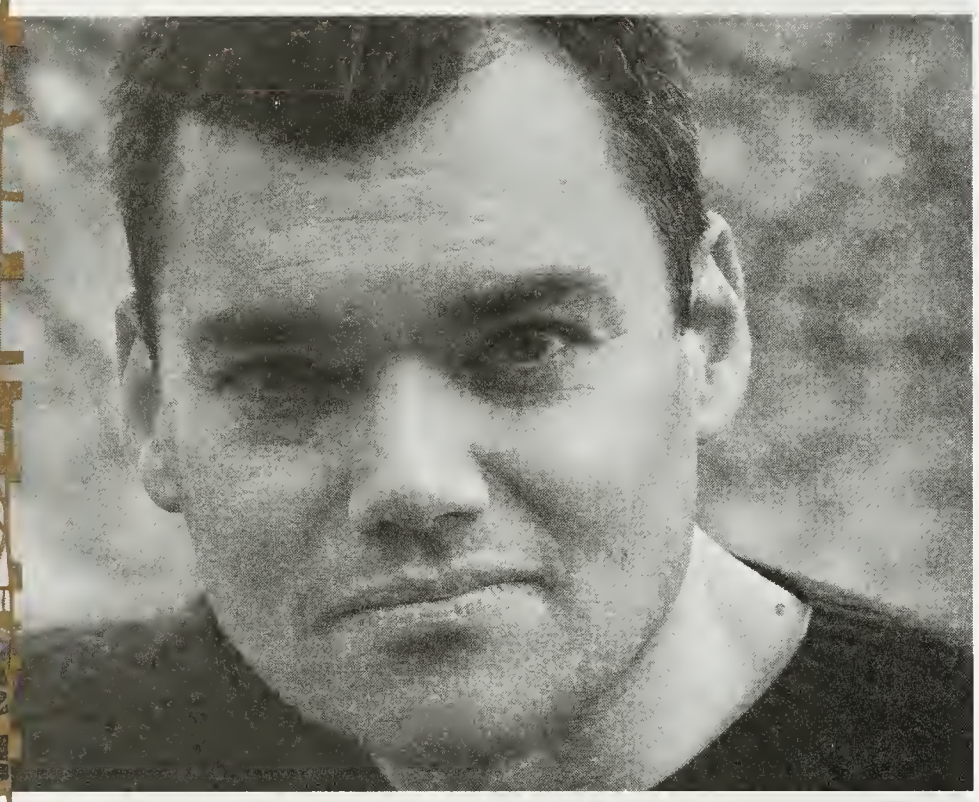


photo: Guillaume Gaudet

Peter Beinart

"The Crisis of Zionism"

Friday | April 27

5:30 pm | Reception and Book Signing

6:15 pm | Musical Kabbalat Shabbat

7:30 pm | Dinner and Lecture

PETER BEINART is the author of *The Icarus Syndrome: A History of American Hubris* and *The Good Fight: Why Liberals—And Only Liberals—Can Win the War on Terror and Make America Great Again*. A former editor of *The New Republic*, he is an associate professor of journalism and political science at the City University of New York, a senior fellow at the New America Foundation, and the senior political writer for *The Daily Beast*. He lives with his family in New York City.

Monthly/Bimonthly

continued

Sponsored by Sisterhood

Lunch /Film /Discussion
Broadway: The American Musical, Part 5

Tuesday, April 24 | 1:00pm

In the years 1957-1979, American society saw great cultural changes, reflected on Broadway by a new generation of composers, lyricists, writers and choreographers, including Leonard Bernstein, Stephen Sondheim, Arthur Laurents, and Jerome Robbins.

Sponsored by WEG

Moonbeams | *in honor of Rosh Hodesh Iyyar*

Tuesday | April 24 | 7:30 pm

For location and readings, *contact joannrosoff@aol.com.*

Caffeine for the Soul: Morning Torah Study

Friday | April 27 | 9:15 – 10:00 am | Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove

Sponsored by JTS@PAS

A Home Study Evening with Professor Neil Gillman

Monday | April 30 | 7:30 pm

As of July 2009, Rabbi Dr. Neil Gillman is Professor Emeritus of Jewish Thought at the Seminary. A prolific author and popular teacher, he is one of the pre-eminent Jewish theologians of contemporary times. Dr. Gillman was ordained at JTS in 1960 and received his PhD in Philosophy from Columbia University in 1975. In addition to writing numerous books and essays, he has been a regular contributor to the "Sabbath Week" column in the *Jewish Week*. His most recent book is *Doing Jewish Theology: God, Torah, and Israel in Modern Judaism*. Dr. Gillman served on the Commission on the Philosophy of Conservative Judaism, which produced *Emet Ve'Emunah*, the first statement of principles for Conservative Judaism. He is a Faculty Fellow at The Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning at Congregation Emanu-El.

For location information and to RSVP, *please contact Bonnie Biondi, 212-678-8056 or bobiondi@jtsa.edu.*

Edmond de Rothschild
Library Hours

Monday – Thursday: 12:00 – 6:30 pm | Friday: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Librarian: Marga Hirsch

The library is always open. In Marga's absence, follow instructions on her desk for checking out and returning books.

Sponsored by the Men's Club

Midnight Run

Saturday | April 14 | 8:30 pm – after midnight | Teens and above

Meet at PAS to make meals and pack the clothing and toiletries we collected on Mitzvah Day, then load up the vans, and drive around the city to deliver them directly to the homeless.

RSVP to *leithgreenslade@earthlink.net.*

Sponsored by Tikkun Olam

Abraham III Residence

Sunday | April 29 | 11:00 am – 1:00 pm | Teens and above

336-338 East 96 St.

Spruce up the garden of the residents of Abraham III, a residential facility for adults with psychiatric disabilities.

A UJA-Federation of New York Beneficiary Agency

RSVP to *leithgreenslade@earthlink.net.*

REPORT FROM OUR FEBRUARY MITZVAH OF THE MONTH

A fun-packed afternoon for children living in a homeless shelter!

BY CONNIE BRESLIN

I WAS PROUD TO join nine of my fellow WEG members at Women In Need (W-I-N), a homeless shelter for women, children, and traditional families.* We provided an afterschool program of arts and crafts, music and healthy snacks for 25 children aged 6 to 12. We had such a lovely time! The children were so enthusiastic and every volunteer was captivated by their energy and pride in their work. It was a pleasure to help them complete their projects and to see how thrilled they were to take their projects "home" with them. This day affected me personally. The team of volunteers that came was wonderful. Working with these children is an emotionally rewarding experience. We saw only a very few, but there are so many that could benefit from an experience like this. My wish is that we could expand this program and reach more of them, and spend more time with them.

*There are 240 families and over 400 children staying at W-I-N's East 100th St. shelter, one of three shelters that W-I-N maintains. Children either attend the local public school, or if they prefer, they can be bused to the school they attended before they became homeless.

UJA@PAS

Social Work Support

For PAS Seniors, Families and Caregivers

Thursdays | 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Yael Kornfeld, LMSW

For companionship, shopping assistance, an escort to a medical appointment, a volunteer opportunity or caregiver support for yourself or a family member, please contact our DOROT social worker Yael Kornfeld at 212-769-2850 or ykornfeld@dorotusa.org, or Rabbi Rein at srein@pasyn.org or at 212-369-2600, x124.

Social Work Support

For All PAS Members

Tues.: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm | Last Thurs. of month: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Aliza Scharf-Bendov, LCSW

Our JBFCS (Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services) social worker provides services including crisis intervention, loss and bereavement counseling, addiction and recovery services, and support for divorced individuals, single parents, those impacted by economic downturn and unexpected career transitions, families suffering from acute and chronic illness and parents who have children with mental health needs. Contact Aliza at 646-498-9352 or ascharf@jbfcs.org, or Rabbi Rein at srein@pasyn.org or at 212-369-2600, x124.

Onsite social work support is made possible by a UJA Partners in Caring grant.

CS School Program Schedule

Saturday, March 31 – Saturday, April 14 | NO SCHOOL – Spring Break

Monday | April 16 | School resumes

Wednesday | April 18 | 5:15 – 6:45 pm | Vav Family Bnei Mitzvah Experience. Vav students arrive with their parents.

Saturday | April 21 | 9:15 am – 12:00 pm | Dalet and Hey Family Shabbat Experience. No School for Gimel learners.

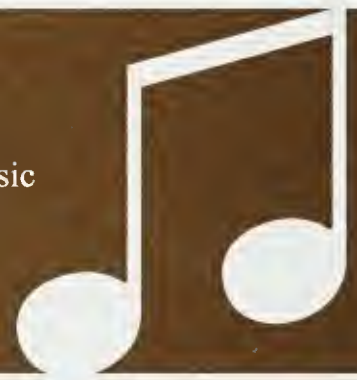
Saturday | April 28 | 9:15 am – 12:00 pm | Gimel-Dalet-Hey Shabbat Experience.

Tavim Youth Choir

Mondays | 5:00 – 5:40 pm | Cantor Shiree Kidron *(does not meet on April 2 or April 9)*

Tavim, the Park Avenue Synagogue Youth Choir, is open to anyone in grade 3 and up. The group learns music for Shabbat, holidays and just for fun. Tavim will perform in the PAS Yom HaShoah Commemoration on Sunday, April 22. (See p. 5.)

For more information, *please contact Gil Smuskowitz at gsmuskowitz@pasyn.org.*



Young Family Education

YFE SHABBAT AND HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Young Family Pesah Service

Friday | April 13 | 11:15 am – 12:00 pm

Families with children ages 0 – 6 are invited to join members of our clergy and YFE Director Matt Check for a musical Pesah celebration of freedom.

Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner

for Families with Young Children—Birthday Blessings, Too!

Friday | April 20 | Service 5:00 pm | Dinner approx. 5:30 – 6:30 pm | $

Families with children ages 0 – 6 are invited to join our clergy for a family-friendly Kabbalat Shabbat service, followed immediately by a child-friendly buffet dinner and short program. *Children with April birthdays will receive a birthday blessing and a small gift* Space is limited.

Cost: *$35/members; $45/non-members; $15/children. Deadline to register is at noon on the Wednesday before the dinner.*

YFE Shabbat Morning Programs

Saturday | April 21 | 11:15 am – 12:00 pm

TOT SHABBAT: For families with children ages 0 – 3 | Room 508

SHORASHIM: For families with children ages 3 – 4 (pre-K) | Room 308

NITZANIM: For families with children ages 5 – 7 | Room 408

To RSVP, go to www.pasyn.org *and click on Young Family Education. Under Upcoming Events on the right side, click on the event name to access information and registration forms for each program. For dinners, cancellations with refund (or credit towards another dinner) are possible until the Wednesday before the dinner.*

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN for Fall 2012 toddler and afterschool programs.

Visit pasyn.org *and click on Young Family Education.*

Experiencing Passover

BY JAMIE DIAMOND

EVERY YEAR WE READ IN THE HAGGADAH that every Jew must feel that he or she was personally freed from Egypt. In the book of Exodus (13:8) we read: And you shall explain to your child on that day, "It is because of what God did for me when I went free from Egypt." This verse both highlights the important role of the child in the celebration of Passover and personalizes the experience of leaving Egypt.

Reading the Haggadah is certainly one way to learn, but how can we make the Passover story more alive at the seder? Every day I ask myself similar questions about how best to educate our learners at Park Avenue Synagogue.

According to John Dewey, the famous American philosopher and educational reformer, people learn best when they are actively engaged in an experience rather than observing the experience passively. Judaism lends itself to experiential education because of the focus on doing with regard to Shabbat, holidays, Torah stories, morality and ethics. In an age when people are trying to form connections with one another and the world at large, Judaism has laid out a structure for us to connect through various experiences.

While all Jewish holidays have experiential components, the Passover seder is the quintessential experiential educational experience. The Passover seder includes different teaching modalities such as storytelling, asking questions, tasting, smelling and listening to help us connect to our shared past of being freed from slavery. Tasting bitter herbs is a physical experience which is a reminder of the Israelites' bitter time in Egypt. Adding engaging activities to your Passover Seder such as costumes, games and interactive 10 plague kits allows for learners of all ages to be actively involved in the retelling of the Exodus story. Acting out the story can bring the story to life. When people are engaged and learning from one another, they will form deeper connections and lasting memories.

What children will remember about growing up Jewish are the experiences they have in Jewish settings and with their families. Whether it is Passover or any day of the year, in your home or in the Congregational School, creating experiences which allow our learners to connect to Judaism and foster a sense of deeper belonging and believing is what will set them up to have meaningful Jewish identities. While one can always check the exact way to do a holiday ritual, content alone does not create deep enduring connections and love for Judaism. Experiencing Judaism with friends and family creates lasting memories which allow children to feel connected to Judaism and to grow up with a sense of meaning and purpose in their lives.

Jamie Diamond is a full time educator on the Congregational School Education Team. She is a recent graduate of the JTS Davidson School of Jewish Education.

Youth Activities & RJNHS

Passover and Project Ezra

Sunday | April 1 | 10:00 am | for students in grades 6 – 12

Food Pantry Shabbat

Saturday | April 7 | 9:15 am – 12:15 pm | for students in grades 7 – 12

On the first day of Pesah, when we read "Let all who are hungry come and eat," we celebrate the accomplishments of our student-run High School Food Pantry. One of our student directors, Jonathan Aisenberg, will address the congregation. The entire community is invited to an embellished Kiddush!

Yom HaAtzma'ut Israel Fair

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday | April 24, 25, 26 | 4:00 – 6:00 pm | for Congregational School learners

(See p. 5.)

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Kids' Book Basket
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IN THE SANCTUARY, look for the book basket near the ushers. There are Jewish books for children of all ages to look at while sitting quietly in their seats. Let your children enjoy the books during services and return them so that others may read them next time.

April

1 9 Nisan 10:00 am MC and HS Passover & Project Ezra	**2** 10 Nisan Pre-Pesah Food Drive continues Haggadah Fair continues 6:15 pm Hebrew 102, 103 6:30 pm Women's Seder 7:30 pm Hebrew 104	**3** 11 Nisan Pre-Pesah Food drive ends 8:00 am Essential Essays 10:00 am Kitah Rishonah 11:00 am Kitah Rishonah 11:30 am Contemp J Thought 12:30 am Empty Chair Wkshp 2:15 pm DramaZone 6:15 pm Hebrew 101 6:15 pm Intro to Judaism 7:00 pm Engaging Israel	**4** 12 Nisan Haggadah Fair ends 2:15 pm Bilingual Birdies	**5** 13 Nisan Ta'anit B'khorot – Fast of the Firstborn 7:00 am Morning Minyan & Siyyum 9:30 am HaMishpachah Sheli 10:30 am HaMishpachah Sheli 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn 2:15 pm Krav Maga	**6** 14 Nisan Candles, 7:08 pm 8:00 am Talmud Torah 7:00 pm Passover Evening svce 7:30 pm Community Seder	**7** 15 Nisan Pesah, 1st day 8:45 am Parashat HaShavua 9:15 am Sanctuary service Food Pantry Shabbat 20 mins after morning services Minha 7:00 pm Ma'ariv 7:30 pm Community Seder
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22 30 Nisan Rosh Hodesh 10:00 am MC Bagel Brunch 6:15 pm Yom HaShoah commemoration	**23** 1 Iyyar Rosh Hodesh 5:00 pm Tavim 6:15 pm Hebrew 102, 103 7:00 pm Sisterhd Beverly Sills 7:30 pm Hebrew 104 7:30 pm Adult Bat Mitzvah 8:00 pm Bk Discussion Grp	**24** 2 Iyyar 8:00 am Essential Essays 10:00 am Kitah Rishonah 11:00 am Kitah Rishonah 11:30 am Contemp J Thought 1:00 pm Sisterhood Film 2:15 pm DramaZone 4:00 pm Yom HaAtzma'ut Fair 6:15 pm Hebrew 101 6:15 pm Intro to Judaism 7:30 pm Moonbeams	**25** 3 Iyyar Yom HaZikaron 2:15 pm Bilingual Birdies 4:00 pm Yom HaAtzma'ut Fair 6:45 pm Context 6:45 pm Melton 1 & 2 8:00 pm Melton 3	**26** 4 Iyyar Yom HaAtzma'ut 9:15 am Melton 2 9:30 am HaMishpachah Sheli 10:30 am HaMishpachah Sheli 10:30 am Melton 3 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn 2:15 pm Krav Maga 4:00 pm Yom HaAtzma'ut Fair 6:30 pm Caregivr Support Grp	**27** 5 Iyyar Candles, 7:30 pm 8:00 am Talmud Torah 9:15 pm Caffeine for the Soul 3:30 pm Food Pantry 6:15 pm Musical Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 pm Shabbat Dinner Series	**28** 6 Iyyar Parashat Tazria/ M'tzora 8:45 am Parashat HaShavua 9:15 am Sanctuary Service 9:30 am Havurah 20 mins after morning services Minha 4:00 pm Teen Study w/ R. Cosgrove
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A Look Ahead: May

A Cantor's Perspective on Jewish Music with Cantor Azi Schwartz

TUESDAYS | MAY 1, 8, 15 | 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Israel in the American Jewish Imagination presents Rabbi Dr. Donniel Hartman

TUESDAY | MAY 8 | 7:00 PM

Sponsored by Sisterhood
The Vicki K. Wimpfheimer Memorial Lecture:

"Zionists and Non-Zionists: Can Israeli Government Be Effective?"

PROFESSOR HAROLD WALLER, MCGILL UNIVERSITY | THURSDAY | MAY 3 | 7:00 PM

Israel's electoral system and the multiple political parties it spawns have given Israel a reputation for governmental confusion. The challenge is compounded because a significant portion of the population – Arabs, the Ultra-Orthodox, and some Russian immigrants – do not share the Founders' vision of the Zionist state. What is the solution?

Midtown Lunch & Learn

Unfamiliar Places in the Bible | WEDNESDAYS | MAY 16, 23, 30 | 12:00 – 1:00 PM | RABBI ELLIOT COSGROVE

PAS Annual Meeting | THURSDAY | MAY 17 | 7:00 PM

Annual Musicale | SUNDAY | MAY 20

Honoring the memory of Rabbi Judah Nadich on the 100th anniversary of his birth

An Evening of Learning with Erica Brown | *"Master Narratives/Modern Stories: How a Biblical Past Informs a Literary Present"* | THURSDAY | MAY 31 | 7:00 PM